



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takahiro NISHIYAMA

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For: HYDROGEN FUEL HOSE

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. 4) of December 19, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims without prejudice:

1. (Amended) A hose having a multi-layered wall and useful for conveying a hydrogen fuel in a fuel-cell vehicle, the hose comprising an innermost layer of a curing-agent cured rubber material, wherein the curing agent is free from metal oxide or sulfur, and having a hydrogen gas-impermeable metallic barrier layer in the wall surrounding the innermost layer.